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1. The Union of Czech Trade Unions sent out invitations in April 1948 to various foreign labor organizations attached to the World Federation of Trade Unions inviting them to visit Czechoslovakia to see conditions in the country first-hand, and to study the problems of labor.
2. The Netherlands Federation of Trade Unions (NVV), the Catholic Labor Movement (KAB), and the Christian National Federation of Trade Unions (CNV) did not accept the invitation and the Unity Trade Union Central (EVC) was the only Dutch trade union to send a delegation.
3. This delegation was to consist of twenty-four workers led by Berend BLOKZIJL and Antonius Johannus Maria ERWICH. The trip was to be made in a specially chartered KLM plane and the delegation was to be in Czechoslovakia the last two weeks of June. Because the local labor groups who were to send representatives as part of the EVC delegation had to pay their own way (1250 florins per person round trip) little interest was shown in the projected trip.
4. It is reported that the following persons did make the trip:
 - a) Berend BLOKZIJL, Chairman of the EVC, born in Hoogeveen, on 29 December 1918 and presently residing in Amsterdam.
 - b) Antonius Johannus Maria ERWICH, 2nd Chairman of the EVC, born in Rotterdam on 9 September 1898, and currently living there.
 - c) Willem GORIELJE, born at Koog a/d Zaan on 6 June 1917 and living in Zaandam.
 - d) Pieter Cornelis DE GRAUW, born 29 May 1922 in Rotterdam and currently living in Rotterdam.
5. All of the above-mentioned persons are members of the Communist Party.

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